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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AF</b>
Thomas D. Hanan	)	Group Art Unit: 2137
Application No.: 10/003,675	)	Examiner: Jeffrey D. Popham
Filed: October 31, 2001	)	Appeal No.: _____
For: METHOD FOR INSTALLING A	)	
PORTAL TO A PROTECTED	)	
AREA OF A DISK DRIVE	)	

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectively requested. Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 4 are independent.

On page 7 of the final Office Action, in rejecting new claim 8, the Examiner has indirectly raised a new rejection of unamended independent claim 4 (from which rejected claim 8 depends) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,812,883 (Rao). On pages 10-12 of the final Office Action, in rejecting new claim 7, the Examiner has raised a new rejection of unamended independent claim 1 as being unpatentable over the Rao patent in combination with the Torrubia-Saez patent. The final rejection of independent claims 1 and 4 based on newly cited art is improper, and it is requested that the finality of these rejections be withdrawn.

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